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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated 13 July 2004 having a shortened statutory period for reply of 1 month. Claims 35-55 are pending in the application. Claims 35-55 are subject to a restriction requirement and/or election requirement.

Restriction to one of the following is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372:

Group I. Claims 35-39, and 53, drawn to isolated polynucleotides, host cells and recombinant methods. NOTE: Applicants must elect a single sequence from SEQ ID Nos: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. This is a Restriction, not a species election because each sequence represents a different product.

Group II. Claims 40-42, 45-49, and 54, drawn to isolated polypeptides and vaccines/methods comprising said polypeptides. NOTE: Applicants must elect a single sequence from SEQ ID Nos:-2, 4,6, 8 and 10.